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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Leland F. WILSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/929,818

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filing Date: August 13, 2001

Examiner: Theodore Criares

Title: TREATMENT OF FEMALE SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION WITH VASOACTIVE AGENTS, PARTICULARLY VASOACTIVE INTESTINAL POLYPEPTIDE AND AGONISTS THEREOF

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed October 30, 2002, in which the Examiner required restriction between the following two groups of claims:

- (I) claims 1-28, directed to a method of treating female sexual disorders; and
- (II) claims 29-40, directed to compositions.

In response, applicants elect the method claims of Group I, claims 1-28, without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 USC § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

As an additional matter, applicants note that the CRF Diskette Problem Report, referenced on page 1 of the Office Action was not attached to the Office Action. In view of the omission, applicants were unable to identify or correct the problem with computer readable form of the sequence listing submitted on November 30, 2002. In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request a substitute CRF Diskette Problem Report, either with the next Office Action or at any earlier time that would suit the Examiner. Once applicants are in receipt of the CRF Diskette Problem Report, correction of the sequence listing will be corrected in a timely manner.

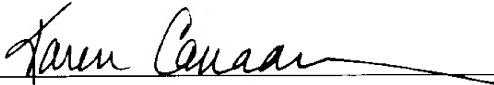
If the Examiner in initiating search and examination has any questions concerning the application, he is welcome to contact the undersigned.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this communication, or would like to discuss the application, the art, or other pertinent matters, he is welcome to contact the undersigned attorney at (650) 330-0900.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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